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Docket No.: 3140-015	)	Customer No.: 33432

For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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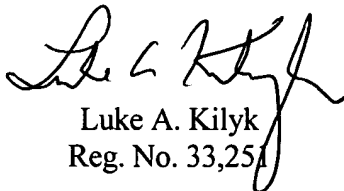
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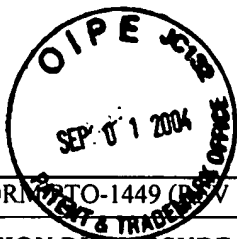
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	European Search Report for EP 03 02 4432 dated August 10, 2004.
	Pech-Pacheco et al., "Automatic Slide Scanning," WORLD SCIENTIFIC, Chapter 13, p. 259-288 (2001).

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